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**The Guildhall banquet
on May the Fourth 2017
to celebrate 25 years
as a Livery Company**



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On the Fourth of May 2017 at Guildhall in the City of London, the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists celebrated its 25th anniversary as the 100th Livery Company, with 704 people attending a fabulous white tie banquet.

The celebration was the biggest event in WCIT's history, and one of the largest banquets held by any of the City's 110 Livery Companies in many years.

Guests of Honour included The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley; Aldermen and Sheriffs Peter Estlin and William Russell; Royal Corps of Signals Corps Colonel Simon Hutchinson, Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff Major General John Crackett, Sir Brian Jenkins, Dame Steve Shirley.

UK Space Agency Chief executive Graham Turnock was the after-dinner speaker.

The banquet was attended by Masters and Clerks from 83 of the City's 110 Livery Companies.

The Lord Mayor was attended by his personal bodyguard, the Company of Pikemen & Musketeers from the Honourable Artillery Company, who presented a magnificent spectacle.

The banquet was held on May the Fourth (Star Wars day), so it was only fitting for guests to be greeted as they arrived by a Guard formed of Star Wars Stormtroopers.

The 25th anniversary milestone for the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists follows significant growth and achievement since the foundation of the Company in June 1986, and the grant of Livery by the City of London's Court of Aldermen on 7th January 1992.

A vertical rocket launch is shown against a dark blue, starry night sky. The rocket is a long, dark, textured column of smoke and fire, extending from the bottom center towards the top. The sky is filled with numerous small, bright stars. The overall scene is a metaphor for growth and achievement.

Some highlights. In its first 25 years, WCIT has:

- Donated over £3 million to 450 charitable causes.
- Provided pro-bono technology support to many hundreds of charitable organisations:
- In partnership with the Mercers' Company, built the Hammersmith Academy, specialising in Creative and Digital Media plus IT.
- Funded a £1m endowment for Hammersmith Academy.
- Supported numerous schools and educational establishments, especially Lilian Baylis Technology School.
- Funded an IT professor at Gresham College.
- Helped to found, in 2016, the Charity IT Association (charityithelp.org.uk), an online national service to match volunteer IT professionals with charities' needs.
- Mentored a large and growing number of start-up and scale-up tech firms.
- Military affiliations with the Royal Corps of Signals, 46(F) Kensington Squadron Air Training Corps, and Beckenham and Penge Sea Cadets.
- Coached over 500 members of the Royal Signals to enter civilian employment.





THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR

ALDERMAN DR ANDREW PARMLEY

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Dear Master,

I send my warmest congratulations to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists on the 25th Anniversary of your grant of Livery. Since becoming the 100th City Livery Company in 1992, you have successfully combined the thousand year-old traditions of the Livery movement with the modernity of Information Technology.

Your endeavours have done much to stimulate growth in the industry, not least through mentoring start-up firms, and, indeed, supporting a wide array of noble causes. The financial support you give to charitable projects, especially your work in the field of education, particularly the Hammersmith Academy, and with the Armed Forces and Cadets are clear highlights.

Just as impressive is the significant amount of pro-bono work that your members carry out on behalf of not-for-profit organisations - the knowledge and expertise shared has enabled many third-sector bodies to adapt to and flourish in the digital age. Notably, 2016 saw the formation of the Charity IT Association, a pioneering initiative which matches volunteer IT professionals with charities' needs. As society evolves, the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists continues to innovate - long may that continue!

*Yours sincerely,
Andrew Parmley*

**The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor
Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley**

**The banquet was held on the Fourth of May 2017,
Star Wars day. The after dinner speaker was the
Chief Executive of the UK Space Agency,
Graham Turnock.**







The Clerk Mike Jenkins.
May the Fourth be with him!





**The Master Chris Histed and
First Lady Felicity Chadwick-Histed**





**The Company of Pikemen & Musketeers
of the Honourable Artillery Company
formed the Lord Mayor's Guard of Honour**













**The Company of Pikemen & Musketeers
of the Honourable Artillery Company,
with Beadle Alan O'Connor and Mellissa Maher**



Formally greeting the Lady Mayoress on her arrival at Guildhall





The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor Dr Andrew Parmley is greeted on his arrival at Guildhall









THE GREAT HALL
1500-1550
The Great Hall was the heart of the castle, used for feasts, tournaments and the holding of court. It was the largest room in the castle and was built by King Henry VIII.



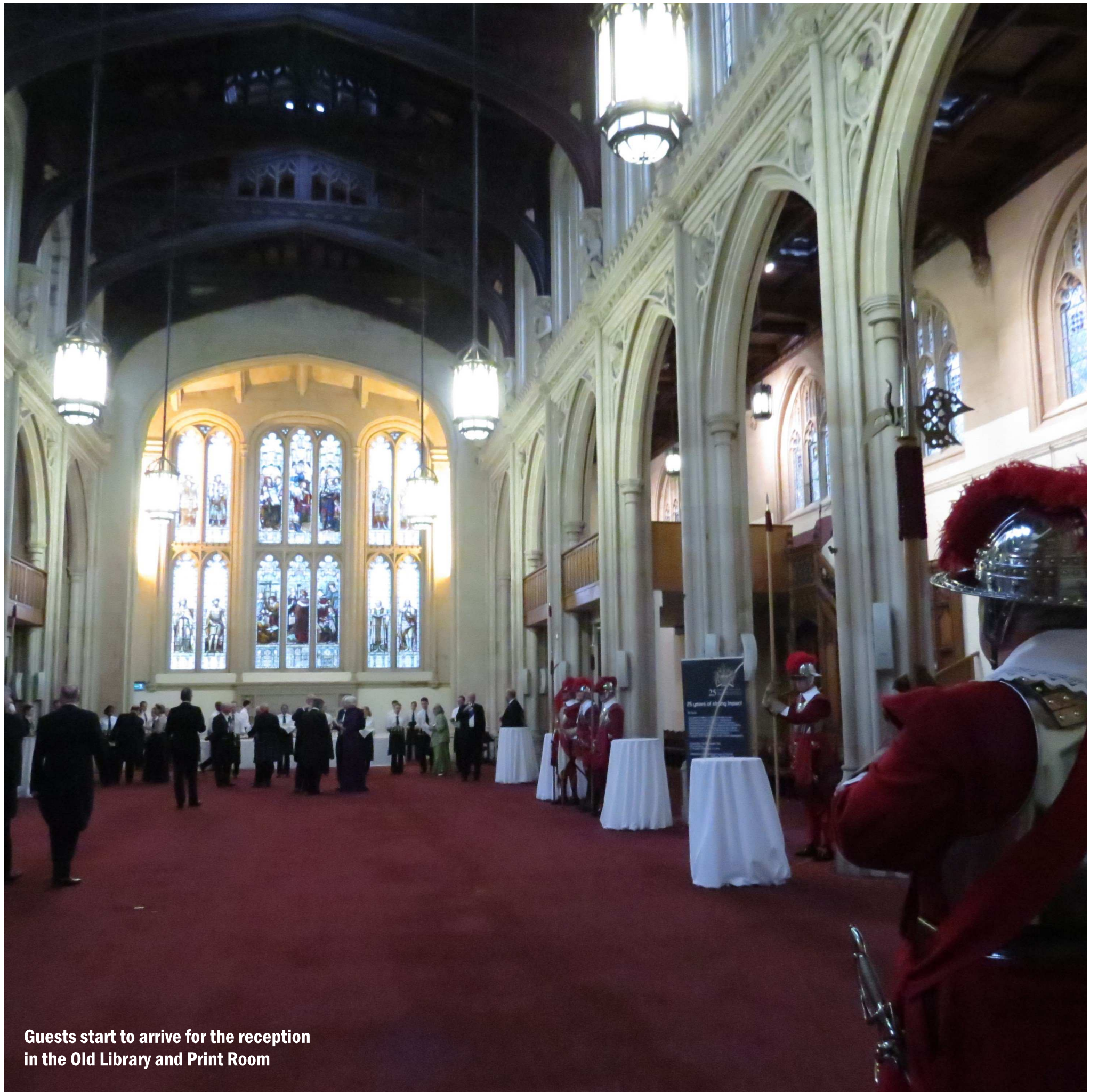






Dame Stephanie Shirley is welcomed





Guests start to arrive for the reception
in the Old Library and Print Room





A warm welcome from
Deputy Master Alderman Sir David Wootton













Simon Hutchinson, the Colonel of the Royal Corps of Signals





Past Master John Leighfield
and Margaret Leighfield





























































Principal guest & after
dinner speaker Graham
Turnock, Chief Executive
of the UK Space Agency



Major General John Crackett; the Master; and Colonel of the Royal Corps of Signals Simon Hutchinson



The Master, Lady Mayoress and principal guests start to process into the banquet, lead by the Beadle







Processing in to the banquet















Sir Brian Jenkins propose the toast to the founders of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists









The singing of Sung Grace





The loyal toast is proposed and a message read out by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London Ken Olisa (a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists)



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Chris Histed, Esq.,
Master,
The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.

Please convey my warm thanks to the Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, together with their guests, for their loyal greetings on the occasion of a Banquet to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary since grant of Livery by the City of London, which is being held tonight in Guildhall.

I much appreciate your kind words and, in return, send my best wishes to all those who are present for a most memorable and enjoyable evening.

ELIZABETH R.

4th May, 2017.

























MENU

Roast Cornish hen of Lamb,
3 and Seafood bean, Potato, to
beans and red wine

Truffled Potato

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A full house in the Great Hall of Guildhall, with 704 guests. The same table layout as the annual Lord Mayor's banquet at which the Prime Minister speaks





The Master joins the banquet guests in singing a happy birthday to Junior Warden and Lady Mayoress Wendy Parmley





A birthday cake for Wendy!





Presentation of a cheque to Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley, The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of The City of London from the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists for the Lord Mayor's Appeal, to support three excellent charities: the LSO Discovery programme, St Paul's Cathedral Music Outreach and Music in Hospitals





The Lord Mayor made an excellent speech







The Lord Mayor presented a pewter gift to the Master



The Lord Mayor presented a pewter gift to the Clerk

An excellent speech by
Graham Turnock,
the Chief Executive of
the UK Space Agency







A toast to 'the next 25 years for our Company' was proposed by one of our newest Freeman, Mark Harvey









The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists

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